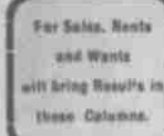




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## THE SESSION ENDS

CLOSING EXERCISES OF FRANKLIN ACADEMY TOOK PLACE LAST TUESDAY.—A LIST OF GRADUATES.

Graduating Exercises (concluded at the Columbus Theater) and were witnessed by a tremendous crowd of people.

The closing exercises of Franklin Academy took place last Tuesday, having been inaugurated at ten o'clock Tuesday morning, at which time there was an entertainment in the Academy chapel by students of the primary department. The graduating exercises took place at the Columbus Theater at 8:30 o'clock on Tuesday night, and were witnessed by an audience which completely filled the theater, it having been impossible to procure a seat after eight o'clock.

When the curtain ascended, there were seated on the stage Rev. W. A. Hewitt, who delivered the address, Prof. S. M. Nash, county superintendent of education, Messrs. W. N. Puckett, W. S. Newby, W. C. Gunter and William Kilpatrick, members of the board of public school trustees, and Prof. Joe Cook, superintendent of the city schools. The exercises were opened with the singing of the chorus, "Merry June," by students of the musical department, this chorus being followed by a declamation on "American History" by Mr. Blaney Ames. Mr. Ames' address was well conceived and clearly expressed, and he spoke in a loud, clear voice which could be heard in every part of the theater. He was followed by Mr. T. C. Billups, who selected for his subject, "Native and Foreign," and delivered an address which reflected much credit upon his ability, not only as a student, but as a speaker. After Mr. Billups' address there came a vocal duet by Messrs. J. H. Williams and Otto May, followed by a recitation, "The Legend of Bregenz," which rendered "Spring Song" in a manner which gained for them loud and long continued applause. At the conclusion of this song there was a declamation by Mr. Quincy Ayres, who had in the "Virginia Cadets" a most inspiring subject. The heart of every true Southerner always thrills with pride at the mere mention of this grand old State, which has given to the world so many gifted sons who have helped to make the South famous both in military and civil life. Mr. Ayres did full justice to his subject, his address having been one of the most interesting features of the evening. The last student to appear on the program was Miss Louise Leigh, and her recitation, "The Legend of Bregenz," was splendidly rendered. She possesses dramatic talent to a marked degree, and in her recitation on Tuesday night every important point was properly emphasized and every gesture absolutely correct.

After the students had concluded their part of the program, the address to the graduating class was delivered by Rev. W. A. Hewitt, pastor of the First Baptist Church. Mr. Hewitt stated that he had not had time to prepare an address, and that his remarks would therefore be of an impromptu nature. Although speaking extemporaneously, Mr. Hewitt delivered a bright and witty address, which was listened to by the large audience with the closest attention. He spoke in eulogistic terms of Franklin Academy and of the splendid work which the institution had accomplished in years gone by, saying that some of the noblest men and women of Columbus had received their early training within its walls.

After Mr. Hewitt had finished speaking, Prof. Cook made a short talk, and the certificates of graduation were delivered by Prof. S. M. Nash.

Standard certificates were delivered to the following young ladies and gentlemen:

Quincy Ayres, Mary Louise Ellis, Susie Will Gunter, Ollie May Hudson, Anita Leeb, Effie Lee Mays, Aurelia Grace McCullough, Mary Montague Moore, Effie LeVerie Redus, Mary Laura Shirley, Tillie Webb, Lillie May Randle, Beverly Randolph Sherman, Bessie May Pendleton, Horace S. Davis, Mary Ita Sherman, Georgia Young Hopkins, Louise Gilberta Leigh, Emily Eleanor Kirksey, Carolyn Sykes Hamilton, Gladys Lavalia McGeorge, Lucile O'Brien, Mary Clayton Sanders, William Melvin Schwab.

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## TOURING STATE IN AUTO CAR.

Mr. Robert Bridge, Who is Touring State in an Automobile, was in Columbus Last Week.

Mr. Robert Bridge, of Natchez, is making a tour of the State in an automobile, and spent several days of the past week in the city. Mr. Bridge represents a large manufacturing concern in Toledo, Ohio, and is making a tour of the principal cities of Mississippi in one of the cars they manufacture, the machine which he is using being known as the Toledo Touring Car. He came here from Philadelphia, Miss., and goes to Meridian, visiting Gulfport, Biloxi, and several other Gulf coast towns before returning to Natchez.

On the tour, Mr. Bridge is accompanied by his mother, Mrs. J. F. Bridge, his sister, Mrs. M. S. Routh, and his brother, Mr. S. P. Bridge. The party came here to visit Mr. Bridge's sister, Miss Jeanie Bridge, who is a student at the Industrial Institute and College.

## Columbians Win.

The Franklin Academy base ball team crossed bats with the Aberdeen high school team in Aberdeen on Thursday afternoon, and won an easy victory. The game resulted in a score of 12 to 7, in favor of the Columbus boys. Luke Parker, of Carrollton, was in the box for Columbus, and pitched a fine game. Sanders caught for the Franklin Academy team, and Bradley and Jones were at the points for the Aberdeen players. The original engagement was for three games, but rain fell on Friday afternoon, and on account of the wet condition of the diamond the games scheduled for Friday and Saturday afternoons were declared off.

## Mr. O. M. Lawrence in the Race.

By reference to our announcement column it will be seen that Mr. O. M. Lawrence is announced as a candidate for Mayor. Mr. Lawrence, who is a native of the Caledonia neighborhood, has been practicing law in Columbus for several years past, and is known to be an honest, conscientious and upright man. Since coming here he has manifested considerable interest in public affairs, and is by no means unknown to our people. He enters the race feeling assured that he has the confidence and respect of the citizens of Columbus, and is willing to abide by whatever decision they may make at the polls.

## Death of Mrs. Mary Early.

The many Columbus friends of Mrs. Mary Early will receive with regret the announcement of her death, which occurred at Helena, Ark., last Wednesday. Mrs. Early was stricken with paralysis several months ago, and a second and third stroke followed in rapid succession, the last paroxysm having resulted in her death. Mrs. Early was fifty-two years of age, and is survived by one daughter, Miss Mary Walthall Early, who is fondly remembered here, and whose many friends sincerely sympathize with her in her great sorrow.

Col. John P. Mayo, who for years has been identified with the State National Guard, has been assigned to duty as colonel on the staff of Gen. Kessler. The dismemberment of the Second Regiment dispensed with all of its regimental officers, and the State organization did not wish to lose the services of Mr. Mayo, hence the commander-in-chief assigned him to a position befitting his rank and ability. Col. Mayo had other tenders made him, but decided to accept the position on the staff of Gen. Kessler.

The friends of Gen. Sharp, in this city and all over the State, are gratified to learn that he is convalescent after an illness lasting for three weeks. Gen. Sharp is at his home in South Columbus, where his devoted wife and friends are showing him every attention.

Dr. and Mrs. J. D. Odeneal leave tonight for Gulfport, where they go to attend the annual meeting of the Mississippi Dental Association, which will be in session there next week. They go by the way of New Orleans.

How is your Waterman? That is the leading question. Johnston & Caine can supply you, if you happen not to have one.

Mrs. J. R. Rhodes, of Meridian, is visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. P. Caine, at their home on North Second avenue.

## ATTEMPTED KILLING KILLED BY A TRAIN.

KING ALFONSO AND BRIDE WERE OBJECTS OF AN ASSASSIN'S WRATH.—THEY BOTH ESCAPED INJURY.

Celebration of Marriage Festivities Stopped by Appalling Tragedy.—Sixteen Killed and a Large Number Wounded.

Madrid, Spain, May 31.—The public rejoicings over the marriage of King Alfonso and Princess Victoria had a terribly dramatic sequel at 5:30 o'clock this afternoon, when a bomb thrown from an upper window of a building along the line of the marriage procession exploded with deadly effect near the coach occupied by the king and queen. Providentially King Alfonso and Queen Victoria escaped by an electric wire deflecting the bomb, but at least sixteen persons, most of them of the personal and military escort of the royal pair, were killed, and many others were injured. The following are the killed: Capt. Barrosa, commanding part of the king's escort; Lieut. Reyalent, Lieut. Prendergast, six soldiers, Marquis of Colosa and her daughter, Don Antonio Calvo and his six-year-old niece, Jose Solá, Luis Forgas, and one royal groom who was leading a horse drawing the coach carrying the king and queen.

Several of those killed were standing on the balcony of the house from which the bomb was thrown. The explosion occurred just as the royal couple were about to enter the palace. The route of the cortege had been diverted from Arsenal street to Mayor street, owing to popular desires. The procession had just passed through Mayor street and was about to turn into the esplanade leading to the palace when an explosion shook the buildings in the vicinity, stunning a number of people and throwing the cortege into helterskelter confusion.

The royal coach was brought to a sudden stop by the shock, officers and soldiers of the escort falling to the ground about the equerry and horses that had been killed. The screams of the terrified multitude, mingled with the groans of the dying. It was immediately seen that the royal coach was intact, except as it had been damaged by flying splinters. King Alfonso alighted and assisted Queen Victoria down. They entered another coach and were driven swiftly to the palace.

All this happened so quickly that the people away from the immediate vicinity were not aware of the tragedy, and continued to acclaim their sovereigns. Soon there appeared the empty royal coach, with two horses missing and the others spattered with blood, several of them bleeding from wounds. The grooms and drivers looked deathly pale in the spangled uniforms.

Then came a boy shouting that a bomb had been thrown at the king. The appearance of the king and queen in a coach brought out delirious ovations. The fact was recognized that the sovereigns had been spared.

In the meantime the scene of the tragedy presented a horrible spectacle, with dead men and horses lying about, literally torn to pieces. Intense excitement prevailed, the mob invading the streets while the guards sought to maintain order and block the approaching streets. The bodies were wrapped up in blankets and removed on litters. The wounded were taken to hospitals in ambulances. The pavement was covered with blood, and the upper stories of the buildings nearest were spattered with it. The place from which the bomb was thrown is a boarding house. The chamber from which the missile was hurled was taken May 22 by a man from Barcelona giving the name of Moral. When the police surrounded the house the man attempted to escape, but was captured. Another man escaped over the roofs of the houses.

## Congressman Bankhead Announces.

Birmingham, Ala., May 31.—Congressman John H. Bankhead, recently defeated by Capt. Richmond P. Hobson for re-nomination in the Sixth District, today announced himself as a candidate for alternate United States Senator under the plan of the State Democratic Committee, which provides for the nomination of two alternate Senators to succeed Morgan and Pettus in case either dies or resigns before his term is out. Col. Bankhead is the sixth candidate to enter this contest.

MR. HARRY USSERY, POPULAR YOUNG EMPLOYE OF SOUTHERN, FATALY INJURED AT MATHISTON.

Beloved by Large Circle of Friends, Who Mourn His Untimely End.—The Funeral to be Held at 4:30 O'clock Today.

Mr. Harry Ussery, the bright young son of Capt. and Mrs. W. L. Ussery, of this city, was fatally injured by being hit by a locomotive attached to a passenger train on the Southern Railway, last Friday, the accident having taken place near Mathiston about 5:30 o'clock in the morning. Mr. Ussery was running as flagman on a freight train, and had been sent back to await the coming of west-bound passenger train No. 37, and had instructions to throw the switch after it had passed. The train was late, and after having waited for a considerable period the young man evidently fell asleep, and when the train finally came along the locomotive struck him full in the head, causing a very severe fracture of the skull.

There is a dwelling house located only a few hundred feet from the scene of the accident, and a lady living therein saw the locomotive when it dashed ruthlessly upon the unfortunate young man, and after having inflicted the terrible wound, threw him to one side, leaving his senseless body lying maimed and bleeding on the ground. It seems that the lady referred to had been watching the young man for some time, and that it was only upon the approach of the train that she realized he was asleep. She started toward him to warn him of his danger, but before she could reach his side the train had struck him, and the word of warning which she uttered at the last moment fell upon ears that heard not. From the statement of this lady, whose name is not available to learn, Mr. Ussery, when she first saw him, was not lying upon the track, but was stretched out on the ground on one side, his head resting upon a cross-tie. She states that he did not seem to hear the noise made by the approaching train until it was close upon him, and that he lifted his head from the cross-tie just in time to have it struck a stunning blow by the rapidly moving locomotive.

The news of the accident was telegraphed to this city immediately after it occurred, and General Manager C. H. Ackert, of the Southern Railway, who was here in his private car, volunteered to take Dr. J. E. Davis, the local surgeon on the road, and as many of the relatives of the unfortunate young man as desired to go, to Mathiston at once. Capt. W. L. Ussery, the young man's father, was not in the city, having left at midnight on his run to Birmingham, but Mrs. Ussery, her cousin, Mrs. Etta Richardson, and several friends of the family accompanied General Manager Ackert and Dr. Davis on the trip to Mathiston. They reached the scene of the accident without delay, and upon arrival there, found Mr. Ussery in the hands of a local physician. The local medical man had dressed his wounds, and had taken several stitches in his head. Dr. Davis saw the patient as soon as he arrived, but said that he could not tell the extent of the injuries without re-opening the wound, and as he did not care to do this, Mr. Ussery was placed on board the east-bound passenger train and brought to this city, having reached here at noon. He stood the trip very well, and upon arrival here was taken at once to the Columbus Hospital.

When Dr. Davis examined Mr. Ussery's wound he decided that it would be necessary to operate, and arrangements for the operation were immediately begun. In the operation Dr. Davis was assisted by Doctors Molloy and Crigier, of this city, and Dr. Lamb, of Mathiston, who had first dressed the young man's wounds, and who accompanied him to this city. Mr. Ussery stood the operation as well as could be expected under the circumstances, though his condition was very weak and he never regained consciousness. He lingered Friday and yesterday until half past five o'clock yesterday afternoon, when death ensued. At his bedside when he came were his parents and a number of relatives and friends. The funeral will be held this afternoon, at half past four o'clock from the First Baptist Church. The interment will be with military honors from the Co-

## The A. and M. Commencement.

The Dispatch is in receipt of an invitation to attend the commencement exercises of the A. and M. College at Starkville, which begin on Thursday, June 7, and continue until the following Tuesday. The exercises will be inaugurated with a meeting of the Dialectic Society at 8:30 o'clock on Thursday evening, and at the same hour on the following evening the anniversary of the Philotechnic Society will be celebrated. Saturday will be class day, and at 8:30 o'clock in the evening there will be addresses by members of the senior class. On Sunday morning, at eleven o'clock, the commencement sermon will be delivered by Rev. T. H. McMichael, D. D., president of Monmouth College at Monmouth, Ill. At 8:30 o'clock Sunday evening, Dr. McMichael will deliver the annual address before the College Y. M. C. A. Monday will be Alumni Day; at eleven o'clock there will be a junior debate for the alumni medal, at 4:30 a battalion drill and dress parade, and at 8:30 p. m. the alumni address will be delivered by Hon. T. P. Guyton, of Kosciusko, Miss. Tuesday will be Commencement Day, and the graduating exercises will take place at 11 a. m., the baccalaureate address being delivered by Hon. Adam Byrd, of Philadelphia, Miss.

The A. and M. College is a source of pride to the entire State, and Columbus feels a special interest in the institution because so many of her young men are students there each session. Our distinguished fellow-citizen, Gen. Stephen D. Lee, was for many years president of the institution, and, during recent years, its destinies have been guided successfully and skillfully by Hon. J. C. Hardy, the present incumbent, who is recognized as one of the ablest educators in the South.

As usual, the Mobile and Ohio R. R. will offer low rates and convenient schedules during the progress of the commencement exercises, and many Columbians will be in attendance.

## Killing of Mrs. John Henry Barrentine.

The following meagre account of the killing of Mr. John Henry Barrentine at Ita Bena, last Sunday, is taken from the Greenwood, Miss., Commonwealth. Mr. Barrentine was a nephew of Mr. Henry Barrentine, of Caledonia, and the announcement of his untimely death will be sorrowfully received by his friends in this county. The Commonwealth says: "John Henry Barrentine was shot and killed by Joseph Watts, in Henry Tate's restaurant at Ita Bena, last Sunday. Six shots were fired, four of which took effect. Bad feeling had been existing between the young men for some time. Watts was brought to Greenwood and placed in jail to await his preliminary trial before Mayor H. H. Nabors and Justices F. B. Morris and R. F. Love at Ita Bena on Tuesday. Watts was given bail in the sum of \$1,000."

## The Mayor's Court.

Charles Harris, colored, had an altercation with his wife, last Thursday night, and struck her several times with a switch. He was before Mayor Gunter on the assault and battery charge, Wednesday, and was fined \$2.50.

Prof. Woodard, who has been assistant principal at Franklin Academy for the past session, has tendered his resignation to accept a more lucrative position in South Mississippi. Mr. Woodard is a most excellent educator, and his connection with Franklin Academy has been very beneficial to that institution. Local school patrons regret very much to see him leave Columbus, and the best wishes of a wide circle of friends will always attend him.

The friends of Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Taylor rejoice with them in the convalescence of their daughter, Miss Fannie May, from the effects of an attack of typhoid fever. Miss Taylor has been ill for several weeks, but she is gradually recovering her former health.

Lumbus Riflemen, the deceased having been a member of this old command.

Harry Ussery is in his twenty-first year. He was universally liked and esteemed in railroad circles, and had a large number of friends in this city and on the road. His untimely end is a crushing blow to his devoted parents, and in their sorrow they have the sympathy of the entire community. The Dispatch offers its condolence to the bereaved ones in the hour of poignant grief and sorrow.

## WILL BE EXTENDED

CAR LINE WILL RUN TO SOUTHERN SECTION OF THE CITY BY WAY OF THE MOBILE AND OHIO DEPOT.

Park to be Established for Colored People at Old Sanderson Place.—The Line Will Pass the Fair Grounds.

Now that service on the street railway has been inaugurated, people are almost as anxious to know where and when the line is to be extended as they were to learn when the cars would commence running. The Dispatch learns from an authentic source that the first extension of the line will be made at an early date from the southern terminus at the Mobile and Ohio depot. The line will be extended down Sixth street, straight on out to the Sanderson property, which is owned by the Street Railway Company, and which will be transformed into a park for colored people. By making this extension the line will pass right by the fair grounds and will run within two blocks of Friendship Cemetery. The line will pass the fair grounds on the east, and it is supposed that the Fair Association will open up an entrance on Sixth street for the accommodation of patrons who go to the fair grounds via the street car line.

The work of improving Riverside Park is progressing rapidly. The pavilion has been nearly completed, as has the fence around the baseball grounds, and the erection of a chop house or cafe will be commenced this week. This cafe, which will be erected near the pavilion, will be commodious and complete, and will be in charge of a first-class caterer. The work of stringing the trolley wire at the park has been nearly completed, and care will probably commence making the loop today.

## Big Mortgage Filed.

The following meagre account of the mortgage, which is to be filed with Chancery Clerk Richards for record last Tuesday. The mortgage is that recently given by the Southern Railway Company to the Standard Trust Company, of New York, and is for the sum of two hundred million dollars. The instrument covers 154 printed pages, and contains in round numbers nearly fifty thousand words. This mortgage will, under the law and under agreement with the Standard Trust Company, have to be recorded in every county in each State traversed by the Southern Railway, and it is estimated that the recording fees alone will amount to fifteen thousand dollars.

## Colored People Have Park.

The colored people in a race are decidedly imitative, and ever since Bradford Square was opened as a public park for white people they have craved a similar place where they could congregate for pleasure and pastime on warm summer evenings. They have secured a small plat of ground near the old fair grounds, in the northern section of the city, and have fitted up a miniature park. They have a pavilion, or rather a dancing platform, and dances are given on several evenings of each week, the music being furnished by a colored band.

Mr. and Mrs. L. Rosenzweig entertained a number of friends at their home on South Fourth street on last Wednesday night. The entertainment was given in honor of their son, Master Maurice Lee Rosenzweig, and Masters Jeff and Emanuel Rubel, of Okolona, upon whom the rite of confirmation was administered by Rabbi Joseph Herz, at Temple B'Nai Israel, Wednesday morning.

Mr. Robert Speed, an engineer on the Southern Railway, was badly scalded while blowing off the exhaust valve of his locomotive in the local yards of the Southern, last Thursday night. The escaping steam and hot water struck him full in the face, causing painful though not very serious injuries.

Miss Beadie Childers leaves tonight for Chicago, Ill., where she will spend some time with Mrs. Norman Langford.

Mr. E. F. Hearon, a former citizen of Columbus, who is now living in Brooksville, was a visitor in the city yesterday.